



Sandwell Community Information & Participation Service

**DON'T
FORGET!**

SCIPS GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY

JANUARY 31st 2023

10.30am- 12.30pm

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SPEAKERS

MANNY SEHMBI

Sandwell MBC

Business Manager

Community Partnerships and Support Services

Disability facilities grant

Policy consultation

JIM BRENNAN

Sandwell MBC

Business Manager

Housing Services

Housing Management Restructure

SCIPS Membership

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Fab Lab 2 volunteers required

In our October 2022 newsletter we told you we were exploring a range of opportunities with Sandwell College's Fab Lab.

One of the opportunities presented to us is a 'Design Thinking' workshopping process, where we identify an organisational challenge and then come up with a series of solutions / approaches to tackle that challenge. We have been advised that the process will comprise of four x 3 hour sessions, one running each consecutive week. We are looking to commence these sessions in February / early March 2023.

We need 6 participants to commit to this process, and we are anticipating this will comprise of 2 x staff members, 2 x Board members, and 2 individuals from our wider membership. If this something you would like to take part in please register an expression of interest by calling us on 0121 544 1230 by **Friday 3rd February 2023**. We have been assured that the approach will be innovative and fun throughout!

NB. If we receive more expressions of interest than we need, we will draw the 2 places at random and advise everyone whether successful or not.

Hateley Cross update

The HCBL Partnership group had a long but productive Planning Day just before Christmas to map out the activities and actions that they are committed to completing before the end of the Big Local programme in December 2025.

The actions agreed include:

- **A huge Green Space Improvement project working with Sandwell MBC parks department - activities include development of a forest school and community allotment or orchard on the Milky**
- **Phase 2 of the Young Voices project, working with Powered by CAN and local Primary Schools**
- **4 free Family fundays per year on local green spaces**
- **Funding of a new Navigator role to guide local residents through their individual barriers to employment and training**
- **Community grant programme offering grants up to £2,500 to local groups**

Watch this space for updates on these activities and more

Digi-comm update



We will very soon be commencing the next round of our Digi Comm training starting at the **4 Communities Hub** in **West Bromwich** on

23rd January 2023

running for 8 consecutive weeks.

In addition we will also be commencing delivery at **Brook Street Community Centre** in **Tipton** on

14th February 2023

(again running for 8 consecutive weeks).

A limited number of places are still available on both of these courses; if this is of interest please contact us on 0121 544 1230.

DIGI-COMM TRAINING

- COME ALONG -
Learn How to use a Tablet
'The Basics'
8 Session Course

How to Use a Tablet
Downloading Apps
Internet & Security
Practice & Review
Setting up An Email
Sending & Receiving Emails
Understanding Your Email Account

Spaces for training are limited.
To book your place, contact:
Sarah Horton or Dean Wright at
(SCIPS) on 0121 544 1230 or email
sarah@scips.org.uk

SCIPS St Albans Working with the community COMMUNITY FUND 4+ TRUST

SCIPS YouTube channel



Cost of Living Crisis help

Filmed at November's general meeting
YouTube channel **@scipsb70**



Agewell presentation link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpg0P5RAUso>

Utilita presentation link - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7WurJ_DyU

South Staff Water presentation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xkn7ioDhb1E>

CAB presentation link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4i0sKhH980g>

Welfare Rights presentation link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jojTORM4K0I>

SMBC presentation link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-E2YAeEULk>

We hope you find these useful and full of ways for you to manage during this cost of living crisis

STOP PRESS

It is with sadness that we must notify you of the passing of one of SCIPS previous Chair's Sue Hutchings.

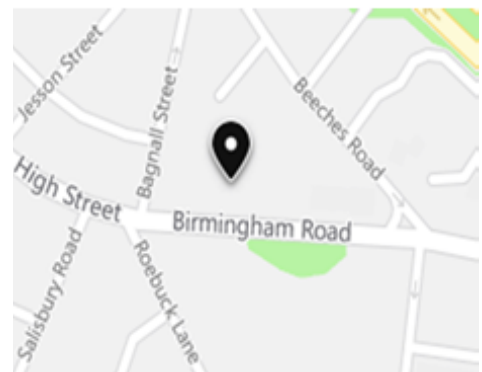
Sue passed away on Boxing Day. Condolences have been passed to her daughter Helen. We will be notified when the funeral date is known and pass these on to you.

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